

- Saint Gobain Performance Plastics Site IDs: **McCaffrey St. (NYD004986741)**, Liberty St. (NYD000829598)

Background

- Saint-Gobain's 190-employee Hoosick Falls operation produces PTFE film, adhesive tapes and silicone rubber for aeronautical, automotive, food processing and energy applications.
- Hoosick Falls is located in Rensselaer County, New York. Population was 3,501 at the 2010 census. The village had a peak population of about 7,000 in 1900.
- About 3,400 village residents utilize the municipal water system, along with 120 properties outside the village with access to the water.
- NYSDEC is not involved as PFOA is not a regulated contaminant.
- NYSDOH currently considers PFOA as Unspecified Organic Compounds where the 50,000 ppt limit applies (Part 5, Subpart 5-6 Bottled And Bulk Water Standards).
- NJDEP PFOA screening Level: 40 ppt (lifetime exposure).
- EPA PHA PFOA screening Level: 400 ppt (short term exposure).

Field Work

- PFOA Levels found in the three wells of the Public Water Supply system **south** of the facility ranged from 180 to 600 ppt (untreated water).
- NYSDOH sampled nine private wells **north** of the facility and PFOA was detected in four wells ranging 150 ppt to 620 ppt (treated water).
- Source still unidentified; however, facility indicated that they use PFOA and their processes and that they have entered the EPA stewardship program to phase out the use of PFCs by 2015.

Next Steps

- NYSDOH to meet with Hoosick Mayor to determine the next steps in protecting the public health and assessing the source of PFOA.
- NYSDOH would like to coordinate with EPA on the next steps to address this matter.
- NYSDOH asked if a joint conference call can be made to include EPA and NYSDEC to determine what enforcement options the State or EPA may have.

